

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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B1 coating material, when applied to the exterior of a core substance, forming a layer of the coating material which covers the core substance ~~(as a discrete layer).~~

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4. (Amended) A coated powder comprising a core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000 μm in an average particle size having been coated with 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of a coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols per 1 part by weight of said core substance, said coating material being applied to the exterior of the core substance so as to form a layer of the coating material which covers the core substance ~~(as a discrete layer).~~

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7. (Twice amended) The coated powder as described in claim 4, wherein the core substance is a flavor composition, a color material, an acidity regulator, a seasoning, a sweetener, a spice, a vitamin, a powdered form of polyphenols of perilla extract or buckwheat, propolis, royal jelly, or a mixture of two or more of them.

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9. (Twice amended) A food or beverage composition which comprises the coated powder described in any one of claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 or 15.

10. (Twice amended) A perfumy cosmetic composition which comprises the coated powder described in any one of claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 or 15.

11. (Amended) A process for producing a coated powder, which comprises spraying a solution of a coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one

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4 member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols and starch hydrolyzates against a core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000 μm in an average particle size under stirring or in a fluidized state to thereby coat the core substance with 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of the coating material per 1 part by weight of said core substance. 4. (Amended) A coated powder comprising a core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000 μm in an average particle size having been coated with 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of a coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols per 1 part by weight of said core substance, said coating material being applied to the exterior of the core substance so as to form a layer of the coating material which covers the core substance as a discrete layer.

5 12. (Amended) The coated powder as described in claim 5, wherein the core substance is a flavor composition, a color material, an acidity regulator, a seasoning, a sweetener, a spice, a vitamin, a powdered form of polyphenols of perilla extract or buckwheat, propolis, royal jelly, or a mixture of two or more of them.

13. (Amended) The coated powder as described in claim 6, wherein the core substance is a flavor composition, a color material, an acidity regulator, a seasoning, a sweetener, a spice, a vitamin, a powdered form of polyphenols of perilla extract or buckwheat, propolis, royal jelly, or a mixture of two or more of them.

Please add the following new claims:

26 16. (New) The coating material as described in claim 1, wherein said at least one member is selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes and sugar alcohols.

17. (New) The coated powder as described in claim 4, wherein said at least one member is selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes and sugar alcohols.

18. (New) The process as described in claim 11, wherein said at least one member is selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes and sugar alcohols.